

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs for the corresponding paragraphs being amended.

[Paragraph beginning at page 7, line 18]

The network further includes a first database 26, which is configured to store details of each agreement, including items to be purchased by the user. The database 26 stores these details between the conclusion of the agreement and the authorisation of payment. The database 26 may be a Teradata™ database as supplied by NCR Corporation of Dayton Ohio. The operation of the database 26 is controlled via a CPU 28 ~~27~~. The details of each agreement are stored in the database 26 under a transaction identification code, which is provided to the user, once the agreement is arranged. The code is either e-mailed to the user or is displayed on the web page during the transaction. The code itself might for example, be a 16 digit numerical code. The code may be determined by the operator of the web site 16 and need not be randomly generated, as it is not required to be particularly secure. All the code uniquely identifies is a particular transaction within a database and does not allow anyone access to financial information relating to the user. Therefore it has absolutely no value to anyone stealing it or using it in an ~~authorised~~ unauthorised manner.